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Applicant : Hubert T. McGovern
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the restriction requirement dated March 22, 2005, Applicant responds as follows:

Applicant provisionally elects to proceed with group I which is claims 1-11 and 14-17.

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Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement. The screw and composite lumber assembly of claims 1-11 and 14-17 are very closely related to the method of securing composite lumber to the base support of claims 12-13. The Examiner has not made a showing that examining both classes would be an undue burden or that extensive additional searching would be required. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider the restriction requirement and proceed to examine all of the pending claims of the application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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